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Partly Cloudy
High: 25, Low: 19



TOMORROW
Light Snow
High: 29, Low: 15

St. Patrick's spring break

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

Green beer and beach getaways might be synonymous in the years to come if the administration has its way.

At last night's Undergraduate Student Government open forum titled "St. Patrick's Day Away," a panel of students, local business owners and professors discussed the idea of moving spring break back a week in order to coincide with St. Patrick's Day.

The idea was proposed after a small number of students celebrating the holiday began attracting attention from the University and the city.

"Students were showing up to class intoxicated, some were getting sick in class and there were reported incidents of vandalism walking to and from the bars," said Michael Ginsburg,



the associate dean of students. "It has not been the greatest representation for the students by those [intoxicated] minorities."

However, according to the University police, not one complaint was made last year about intoxication on campus.

As a result, the open forum was planned to explain to students the reasons behind the proposed change and give them a chance to react.

University police officer John

Schumacher, Brewsters general manager Chad Hoover, Bacchus/Gamma President Ardy Gonyer, USG President Johnnie L. Lewis, associate professor of pop culture Montana Miller and the Interim Associate Dean of Students Michael Ginsburg made up the panel.

Although there were mixed feelings about the change, most of the panelists were against moving the break back a week.

"I originally didn't care," Lewis said. "But then I thought it over, and is it the purpose of this University to be a parent and ensure that we are safe at all times or to offer us the ability to make our own decisions? I'm an adult and what I do is completely up to me."

Miller also felt it is vital for students to make their own decisions while enrolled at the

University in order to prepare for life outside of college.

"College is almost like the rehearsal period for real life," she said. "Students should be given the option to go out and get drunk on St. Patrick's Day, because I would prefer to let them make the decision and deal with the consequences themselves."

And though administrators believe that combining the two events will cut back drinking both on



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Student group urges campus to Vote SMART

By Colleen Fitzgibbons
Reporter

Last night students were educated about the upcoming presidential elections, the issues, the parties, the candidates, how to register to vote and how to Vote SMART.

Vote SMART was created by the SMART program (Students of Color Mentoring Aiding Retaining and Teaching) and was meant to show what role college students, future leaders and minorities have in the upcoming election.

Michelle Buggs, the graduate programmer for the SMART program, said, "We want to educate [students] — specifically our smart mentees in the program... — on the candidates and what they stand for, why it's important for students to vote and the kind of stake they have in it."

SMART is geared toward the program's mentees who are first-year students, but they decided to open this particular event up to everyone.

"We basically just want to educate people and we want people to go out and vote," said Jacqueline Hernandez, the SMART team leader. "But we want people to be aware of what's going on."

SMART mentors, specifically Kevin Zamora, came up with the idea to inform their fellow students on the election.

Zamora, a sophomore SMART mentor, said he wanted to bring a program like this here because people want to know what is going on in the world.

"But it's kind of hard to step out of your comfort zone and make it significant to yourself," Zamora said.

After coming to the conclusion that a program should happen here, calls were made, the room in Olscamp was reserved, posters were hung around campus and the event took place.

The speakers at Vote SMART included two administrators from the Wood County Board of Elections, Dale David and Terry Kuhl, College of Democrats President Mark Ingles and Secretary Ronald Collier.

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WTF mates?!

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

What is it about those four letter words that should not be said that makes us want to say them?

Many students see swearing as something that has lost its taboo over the years, but whether that is because of changing attitudes or because of some sort of social rebellion is up for debate.

"I don't really think about it when I swear," junior Jack Mullen said. "Sometimes I censor myself in front of my parents or people who are offended, but I don't think too many people are offended by swearing anymore."

Many students admitted to saying at least one swear word a day in ordinary conversation.

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Cursing on campus takes over casual conversation



RYAN ROCHE | THE BG NEWS

Grad students 'battle' it out about culture awareness

By Kristin McKissic
Reporter

In 2006, a conference called Battleground States: Body and Culture

The success of that conference has led to the formation of the Culture Club and has made Battleground States an annual conference.

"We took such a small idea and turned it into something we want to keep years from now," said Adam Franklin, last year's vice president of the Culture Club. "It became a conference where grad students can come and be relaxed and share ideas."

The name of the conference comes from Ohio being considered a battleground state—a state where the presidential election is

EVENT INFO:

What: Battleground States: Body and Culture

When: Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Who: Open to everyone

Keynote Speaker: Phillip Auslander

Cost: Free

close, said Don McQuarie, director and professor of American culture studies.

"The issues [of the conference] change each year; each subtitle changes every year," Franklin said.

This year the theme of the conference is "Body and Culture" and is featuring Phillip Auslander, author of "Performing Glam Rock: Gender and Theatricality in Popular Music."

McQuarie said this confer-

ence is important because it puts Bowling Green on the map and it increases people's knowledge about how to deal with culture.

"The importance is to embrace that there are many different ways to approach culture, and culture is so varied and contested," said Colin Helb of the American culture studies department. "We challenge that there are different notions that we would like to explore."

The conference is put together with the help of graduate students in American culture, popular culture, theater and film, and English.

"It's a place you can be with peers and be able to talk about what you're doing in your life," Franklin said.

Although this is a graduate student conference, it is not restricted

to graduate students.

"The conference is put on for the purpose of exploring interdisciplinary ways of studying culture," Helb said.

All are welcome to the conference, which will hopefully have a large turnout, Helb said. "If 200 people show, it will be a huge success."

There are more than 100 presenters, and students from all over the country will be in attendance, McQuarie said.

"We try to give everybody an opportunity to get involved: undergraduate students, graduate students, professors and outside sources," Franklin said. "Anyone who wants to be involved can."

The conference is scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Union.

Nooses take on negative connotation

Ethnic studies professors present on racial symbols in the Student Union

By Lisa Stang
Reporter

A noose has a very specific meaning attached to it, including the same negative connotations it did decades ago.

This idea about the controversial image of the noose was addressed along with many others last night at "The Noose: Controversy Behind the Image" in the Student Union Theater. The presentation was given by Dr. Jack Taylor and Ron Werdebaugh, professors from the ethnic studies department.

The event is part of the "6:00 talk series" the Student Union tries to organize once a month, said Justin Rudisille, Programs Graduate Assistant. He said the series consists of a panel discussion of controversial issues that tries to provide interesting perspectives on these issues.

Werdebaugh said he feels it necessary for students to know about the controversy behind the image of the noose because most students are unaware of the era in which lynching occurred.

"I hope they understand what the symbol means, that it's definitely not a joke," Werdebaugh

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BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY

12:41 A.M.
Dustin J. Gershutz, 20, of McComb, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence. Police said he had left Uptown/Downtown on North Main Street highly intoxicated, sat in a parked vehicle and appeared to have thrown up on himself. Jessica L. Decker, 21, of Wakeman, Ohio, admitted to buying drinks for Gershutz and was cited for furnishing alcohol to a person under 21.

12:45 A.M.
A person reported that someone stole his wallet out of his back pocket while at Howard's Club H on North Main Street.

1:32 A.M.
A cellular phone was reported stolen at Uptown/Downtown on North Main Street.

2:25 A.M.
Dustin L. Ruiz, 18, and Amanda E. Blackwood, 18, both of Toledo, were cited for underage under the influence.

CURSING

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It is not unusual to swear in certain situations, said sociology professor Monica Longmore.

"When people swear it can express anger, but it can also express closeness," Longmore said. "It is almost like saying I know you well enough to say 'F--- you' to you. There is almost a connection between people when swearing."

"I sometimes think it is fun to swear, there are some really creative swear words out there," Mullen said.

We certainly have come a long way from the days when George Washington called curse words "a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it," but there are still regulations on swearing.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates what may and may not be broadcast over the TV and radio air waves. According to the agency's Web site (www.fcc.gov) it is against the law to utter profane material between

"When people swear, it can express anger, but it can also express a closeness. It is like saying I know you well enough to say 'F--- you' to you."

Monica Longmore | Professor of Sociology

the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Profane material is described as words "that are so highly offensive that their mere utterance in the context presented may, in legal terms, amount to a nuisance."

Senior Elizabeth Falk does not agree that some words should be labeled profane while others are acceptable.

"It is sort of ridiculous," Falk said. "The word f--- is profane but b--- is not. I think that b--- is so much more offensive, but it is okay to say that on TV. Who gets to decide?"

"The mother of all swear words seems to be that one [the f word] and why that is the worst I couldn't tell you but it seems to be labeled the most offensive," Longmore said.

Still, swearing in the workplace and in classrooms is often advised against.

"I don't really swear. It doesn't sound good, and if you do it at an inappropriate time it could really make a bad impression on someone," said freshman Julie Parks. "If someone is concerned

about the way you talk they won't get to know the real you because they will be too focused on your bad language."

It can get a person in trouble if they said those forbidden four letter words around the wrong person. According to Fox News, a 19-year-old Florida man, Christopher Holder, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct earlier this month for loudly singing along to a Lil' Boosie song on the street.

Holder and others have learned the hard way: It is definitely best sometimes to hold your tongue.

"I once was written up at work for swearing too loudly," Mullen said. "That really taught me my lesson."

Longmore suggests evaluating an audience before a person goes into a curse-word tirade.

"We can swear in front of different audiences and you have to know your audience. I'm not going to swear in front of my mother, but when we swear in a circle of friends there is sort of a fun informality there," Longmore said.

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and off campus, Lewis felt that it may just bring about a new holiday.

According to Lewis, Miami University students created a "Green Beer Day" in order to replace St. Patrick's Day after their spring break was moved back.

"I absolutely guarantee that this will happen at BG if the holiday is moved to spring break," he said.

Senior David Roberts also felt that moving the break back would result in another day of drinking binges.

"Everybody knows that this is a party school, and moving the date back won't take away the drinking associated with St. Patrick's Day," Roberts said. "A student government that really represents the students would never make this decision."

However, Gonyer stressed the fact that moving the break back would work to prevent binge drinking, student deaths and hospital visits.

"It is honestly a responsible decision," he said.

But students won't be the only ones affected by the change.

Local business owners are also upset about the potential move.

As the general manager of a popular bar downtown, Hoover felt that taking the students away from the campus would diminish sales.

"Our businesses rely on those St. Patty's day sales," he said. "I'm not sure how those mom-and-pop bars would be able to stand that loss of revenue."

In an effort to resolve the issue, Hoover suggested creating a downtown shuttle running throughout the year.

However, he predicted that if the bus were created, it would probably have to be funded through the students.

Regardless, the overall consensus is that the break remain where it is now.

"The way we deal with this is what is going to make us better people," said Lewis. "If we want a University that really represents us, we need to make our own decisions and that's what this issue really comes down to."

NOOSE

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said. "It's definitely a symbol of race hatred and intimidation."

Werdebaugh showed a video of two instances where individuals were intimidated with nooses, both of which occurred in 2007.

In one of the cases, African-American construction worker Errol Madyun found a noose placed on his work site. It was meant to be a joke, but Madyun found it extremely offensive.

In the second case, an unidentified black woman working for Verizon was sent a hateful package to her desk. The package included a black baby doll with racial slurs scrawled on its body and a noose hung around its neck. The woman was sobbing in the video, describing her hurt and confusion as to why someone would go through so much trouble to commit such a hateful act.

Taylor and Werdebaugh described how lynching was a source of entertainment for whites in the early 1900s. Lynching was

given publicity ahead of time so people could attend, and many even profited from the event by taking pictures for postcards.

At the end of the presentation, Taylor described a noose incident that recently occurred in Bowling Green in 2005. In a yard on South Main Street, the owner had set up a display which was intended to be a Halloween decoration. The display consisted of four make-shift scarecrow-looking objects hanging by nooses on a pole.

A student photographed the display, which was very quickly circulated, and within a few hours the display was taken down.

Taylor and Werdebaugh ended their presentation with Billie Holliday's "Strange Fruit." The song describes bodies hanging from trees, like "strange fruit."

"I learned the reality of the situation and the underlying truth of how the noose and other symbols are portrayed in everyday atmosphere," said Trevor Stabile, freshman. "It is not something to be taken lightly."

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DARK SIDE OF THE MOON



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IN THE SHADOWS: Portable telescopes (seen above) on the sky deck of the life sciences building were made available to the public to examine the lunar eclipse which occurred last night.

Body image topic of new play at University

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

Loving your body regardless of its size and shape is the primary message of the newest play on campus.

"Fat Pig," which will be directed by Season Ellison, was discussed in depth at the Brown Bag Lunch discussion in the Women's Center yesterday afternoon.

The group of women and men attending the discussion addressed the social issues and pressures to lose weight and fit in: ideas of which the play incorporates.

"It's tragic that the stereotypes seen in this play are true and that in our society it remains accessible in our culture," participant Marshall Rose said. "If you are perceived as fat or obese or overweight, anyone can say anything about you and no one will apologize."

"Fat Pig" tells the story of Tom, a stereotypically good-looking man who falls in love with Helen, an overweight woman. The play follows Tom's struggle with the social pressures he encounters concerning overweight issues.

"You will laugh and find some parts funny, but you're going to walk out of there feeling like you've been hit by a truck."

Season Ellison | Director

Kevin Green, who will play Tom's best friend Carter, said the roles are extremely challenging because of the negative views towards obesity expressed in the dialogue.

"The views expressed by Carter are not the ones that I believe," he said. "I think that people should date and be friends with whoever they feel like because of who they are and not what they look like."

However, not everyone has the same views that Green has.

According to an English study of 144 women conducted by psychologist Jason Halford and colleagues from the University of Liverpool, men seen with larger women are more likely to be described as "miserable, self-indulgent passive, shapeless, depressed, weak, insignificant and insecure."

Ellison calls this phenomenon "fat phobia," which is the condi-

tion in which a person dislikes being fat and is irritated by obesity in other people.

Rose noted that fat phobias are seen in a number of different everyday occurrences.

"Overweight people don't get hired and they don't get call-backs for jobs because of the stereotypes about their weight," he said. "The discrimination they face is sometimes worse in some cases than race and gender."

However, there are many cases of overweight people who workout and eat healthy, who are in better shape than those who are thin and starve themselves, Ellison said.

Regardless of the shape of one's body, discussion members agreed that everyone faces insecurities at one time or another.

"It's amazing how difficult it is to view yourself growing up in America," Elizabeth Schnieder

said, the graduate assistant for the Women's Center.

"It doesn't matter if you're thin or overweight or average, we all face distorted body images."

Ellison hopes the play will address these issues and encourage students to love the body they have.

"This is a piece that will provoke thought and conversation about fat phobias," she said. "You will laugh and find some parts funny, but you're going to walk out of there feeling like you've been hit by a truck."

"Fat Pig" will be performed at the Joe E. Brown Theater from March 27-30.

Sightseeing, virtual style

New technology allows users to map an area without use of external signals

By Kristin McKissic
Reporter

Imagine standing in a classroom, but taking a virtual tour overseas.

An emerging technology, Pocket Virtual Worlds, allows one to use a handheld device while walking around with the screen of the device exploring virtual sights, said Jason Mellen, visual communication and technology education.

This project, which pairs the University with Case Western Reserve University, has been cited as emerging technology by the New Media Consortium.

It was one of six identified by the consortium in the 2008 Horizon Report.

"Pocket Virtual Worlds doesn't have that relying factor on external signals: WiFi, GPS," said Junior Eric Gang, who worked on the project. "It's all relative to where you are."

Users can capture and map an area using this technology. It does not rely on an actual coordinate.

This three-dimensional photographic virtual world is likely to be introduced to higher education and specific organizations within the next five years.

This device can also be used with tourism.

"We want to get students

who don't get to travel or go on field trips a chance to explore through a computer generated world," Mellen said. "It is a virtual reality world filled with photographs."

The developers, Larry Hatch of the University and Jared Bendis of Case Western Reserve, have been working on this project for several years. This developed when graphic photography and virtual reality ideas were put together.

Students have also helped work on this project.

"It was an incredible experience working on that project," Gang said. "Learning the route of 360 degree photography opened my interest up to other things."

Working on this project has required students to apply prior knowledge pertaining to research education.

"It taught me how to tackle a problem that doesn't have a solution you can find," Gang said. "No one else is doing it so you can't just Google it. It's true problem solving."

Photographs create panoramas which can be navigated by using a handheld device.

"It is currently in a PDA [personal digital assistant] but we're trying to get it into a mobile device," Hatch said. "It's a bigger market."

The
Office



quote of the day...

"Unbelievable. I do the nicest thing that anyone's ever done for these people and they freak-out. Well happy birthday Jesus, sorry your party's so lame." - Michael Scott

GET A LIFE

Some events taken from events by students

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118 Union Table Space

11 am - 4 pm
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118 Union Table Space

7 - 9 pm
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Not-so-curious George learns about hard truths in Africa



KAMPIRE BAHANA
COLUMNIST

I almost choked on my *nshima* (*nsima, sadza, pap, ugali, polenta* or grits) when I read an article in The New York Times describing the current U.S. President's tour in Africa as a "victory lap." He—who-must-not-be-named's tour of five African countries is supposed to be the cherry on the stinking pile of dung that makes up his legacy as president.

Parts of Africa remain some of the few areas of the world where "the unenlightened one" still has a decent approval rating. This approval is largely bought by increased aid given to African governments.

In the past eight years, the president's contribution has doubled in order to fight the ravage of HIV/AIDS on the impoverished continent, as well as to prevent terrorism from gaining a foothold in Africa's shantytowns. This money has gone some way to help the millions of Africans who find their fragile livelihoods further challenged by the deadly disease. Unfortunately it has done little to stop new infections, which continue at a rate of 1.7 million a year, much faster than the rate of people gaining access to life-saving anti-retrovirals.

"Throwing money at the poor people doesn't solve the world's problems? Not even when you make people subscribe to your values in order to receive it? Shocking. Just shocking."

The strings of "good governance" and "sound economic policy" attached to American aid money have not done anything to prevent crises in Kenya, Darfur and Chad — places of which are missing from His Benevolence's travel itinerary.

You mean throwing money at the poor people doesn't solve the world's problems? Not even when you make people subscribe to your values in order to receive it? Shocking. Just shocking.

I'm not trying to be polemic, but we Africans are a little sensitive to foreigners who come in trying to solve our problems. I have to say that the president's efforts (on your behalf) are misguided.

Part of the reason that the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief cannot keep pace with the rate of infection may have something to do with their support of untested abstinence programs. The fund has ignored calls to provide women with contraceptives, which studies show would have a much bigger impact on infection rates than ARV treatment.

Sadly this has undermined the effects of the more than

\$15 billion that has been spent on HIV in Africa since 2003. In South Africa, one of the program's largest recipients, almost half of the 15-year-olds there will become HIV positive.

Ironically, it is in Zimbabwe where HIV rates have dropped the furthest since not-so-curious George began his term. There, economic collapse under the dictatorship of Robert Mugabe has forced social change as people are less likely to have expensive multiple relationships. "Mugabe has ruined a country," said the pot about the kettle when he spoke to VOA reporters before beginning his African tour.

Meanwhile the kettle proves that curing AIDS has little connection to imposing your own moral values.

Perhaps I am being a little too harsh; it is possible that President bushwa isn't just interested in diverting attention from his failures, or feeling threatened by increased, Chinese economic presence in Africa. Maybe he really wants to help Africa in its struggles and alleviate some of the negative impact that America has had on the continent.

In that case, he needs to stop confusing economic growth with good governance and then begin by making sure that the \$698 million that he contributed to Tanzania — the same month that its prime minister resigned in a corruption scandal — gets to the people who really need it.

— Respond to Kampire at thenews@bgnews.com.

I'm sorry Timmy, but you need \$15 million to succeed



CHAD PUTERBAUGH
COLUMNIST

As Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama struggle silently with their own ideals and those of their party, we citizens are forced to either take sides or take a chair. As onlookers, we have the advantage of neutral analysis, considering any perspective we can muster to make predictions on the race. But analysis on our part is decidedly different from participation.

One of the greatest values of a Western, liberal education is the infusion of perspective in analysis. A champion of liberal education will, at least in theory, be able to look at a specific event, re-examine that event using a variety of perspectives, and then formulate educated conclusions or arguments based on those perspective-induced observations.

Often, the perspectives taught emphasize the influence of sociology. However, advanced students may also acquire multiple new perspectives in the course of his or her education.

The sociological part of one's education stresses the influence of our surroundings on our life, behavior and thoughts.

Alternatively, psychology emphasizes the power of an individual's mind on his or her behavior. Again, even

economics suggests that behavior is influenced by costs and benefits.

Any of these perspectives might be used in looking at a regular event, and form vastly different opinions about the event's cause, its purpose and even its effect.

Yet, one seemingly important perspective that is regularly avoided throughout American education is how wealth influences the world.

Consider, for example, the case of American presidency. Historically speaking, the most common universities attended by later American presidents were such premier learning institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the United States Military Academy.

Do you see BGSU on that list? Further, whose interests do you suppose the presidents fundamentally support?

Children have regularly recited the story that they, too, might join the ranks of former American presidents, that they too can live the good life, rise from the ranks and pursue anything they desire.

But where in this hope of hopes do we leave room to consider likelihood? Sure it may be fun to indulge, but maybe we should shed a little light onto

our indulgences.

Let's step away from the world of politics and enter the world of corrections. The American correctional institute often prescribes two types of penalties for anyone having been convicted of a crime: fines or jail time.

Now, of course let us consider that these are allocated by the supreme intelligence of the judiciary and thereby devoid of much bias, but why do you suppose we have two alternate systems of punishments? And how do you think they are allocated?

I would hate to be the one to burst your bubble, but only some people can afford to pay fines for the crimes they commit. As for the others, I'm sure the alternative is clear to you.

Here again, we have a situation where wealth is a major player as far as perspectives are concerned. Someone who can afford to simply readjust their finances to account for their misdeeds and carries on in the free world.

However, for those who cannot simply throw money at things, they're given the privilege of studying in another

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Voting makes for the best spring break ever



MARISHA PIETROWSKI
COLUMNIST

I recently realized that because my life is so incredibly uneventful, voting in Ohio's March 4 presidential primaries will likely be the most exciting aspect of my spring break.

On one hand, this fact makes me feel as though I'm a boring person, because voting isn't exactly the most enticing aspect of daily life. The process itself may not be something to look forward to; one can argue that it's more like a chore. Really, who wants to wait in seemingly endless lines in crowded school gyms in an effort to vote for a candidate or an issue that may not yield the results you're looking for?

Dealing with possible frustrations that may arise from incorrect voter information or faulty touch screen voting machines can turn potential voters away from the process. Plus, since elections are held on Tuesdays, who wants to take their lunch

hour or after-work and school time to take part in such a tedious process?

Regardless, I find it exciting. We go along day to day under the laws and policies administered by the current government, and a few Tuesdays every year, American citizens are given a chance to cast their ballots and express their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with candidates and what they stand for.

If you're concerned about waiting in infinite lines, based on my previous experience, there's usually a chance that people who support opposing candidates will end up bickering with one another in line, which can make for an entertaining situation.

As someone who has voted with my parents for many years, it's exciting to finally cast votes that are in my own name and my own choices. I'm familiar with the system, and this may have influenced my feelings towards the process. After nearly 18 years of pretending to vote, I can do it for myself.

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A protest, and a memorial

MARK INGLES | GUEST COLUMNIST

On behalf of the College Democrats and the other groups that put on the memorial protest Monday, we want to clarify some of the things stated in the article about the event printed in Tuesday's BG News ("Listing the dead in opposition").

From the outset of this event three years ago and until today we have always stressed that this was a memorial first and protest second. The memorial included listing the names, as done at the Vietnam War Memorial, as well as nightly newscasts that showed images of those that died in the war on that day. The protest part is more subdued as it involved holding signs and not much else. We feel that fact was not evident in the article. The fact that we ran out of board space is a tragedy in itself.

Some may say that speaking

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of America's premier learning institutions, prison, effectively subtracting their years from their free lifespan.

While sociology and psychology may hint around and suggest motivations for behavior to the educated mind, the monetary perspective is alive and uncanceled for. Children are harshly being lied to about their potentials and future prospects.

No, we cannot all afford to go to Exeter where students are worth \$1 million endowments. Many of us can't even afford health care on our own. We cannot all send our children to universities where their chances of achieving presidency might actually increase; most of us can do little more than community college. And we cannot all shield our children from the potential of prison.

Maybe it's time that we add a new facet to the liberal studies curriculum: wealth studies. Here, students will be shown the world through the lens of potential and likelihood. In this field, students will not be given the faint, sarcastic hope that they might someday be president, but shown that their income bracket effectively bars their entrance. Similarly, they will be taught to know their place, that some things are within their grasp, but never to the extent of those with monetary advantage.

— Respond to Chad at
theneus@bgnews.com.

MARISHA

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If you don't share my feelings for voting, you're probably asking, "What's the motivation for voting?"

In my eyes, I'd have to say the free "I Voted Today" stickers. We're college students, the idea that "free is good" should be embedded in our code of values by which we live our day-to-day lives. You can wear it around all day long, showing off your commitment to civic duty. If getting this excited over a little sticker makes me seem easily amused and juvenile, I have no problem with appearing similar to a first-grader who earned a gold star on her spelling test.

However, as I said, some people would not find my idea of fun very enthralling, and I understand. If you are one of the lucky people who is escaping somewhere warm and sunny (or anywhere that's not Bowling Green) for a week, this is an alternative that you're probably happy to avoid. This does not mean that you cannot take part in these important elections.

If you aren't going to be home on March 4 (or if you registered in Wood County and won't be on campus for this election), it is not difficult nor too late to get an absentee ballot for the primaries. There are many options to receive a ballot, including mailing a request for a ballot to your county's board of elections headquarters, faxing a request or personally visiting the board of elections to receive your ballot.

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Just because you are not able to vote at a polling precinct on March 4, that doesn't mean that your voice cannot be heard. Although I feel that they are one in the same, casting a vote and enjoying your spring break are not mutually exclusive. It's important to take a break from school and have fun, as well as placing your vote for who will lead our nation.

I hope to see everyone who has an opinion about the government casting their votes. Whether voting is the highlight of your spring break or not, that is up to you. If it is, welcome to the club, and see you in line!

— Respond to Marisha at
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Who gets to define love and lust?

KRISHNA MUTGI AND
AMANDA TUCKER | GUEST COLUMNISTS

After reading Ben Swanson's column "You can't tell me what love is" [Feb. 18] we would like to suggest that before assuming one's own argument one ought to at least present a decent defense of it.

First, one night stands never constitute true love. Society, unfortunately, has denigrated love to mean sex. However, if the author had bothered to pick up a dictionary he might have realized that this is not true. Love is beautiful and true love, as the author appears to have some Christian inclination, is that of Christ or merely a willingness to sacrifice everything one has for another as Christ did on the cross at Calvary.

Now I may be completely wrong, but most people I know would not sacrifice their life for a one night stand with a partner that they hardly know. So if a one night stand is not "true love," what is it? It is very simply lust.

Lust is a plague upon homosexuals, heterosexuals and any other sexuality one may associate with. Lust is not of God, it is not of Love and it is a tool of Satan (Job 31: 11-12). Sex

caused by physical attraction or how you "feel" about a person, usually below the waist, is lust and the "high" from such action is fleeting.

Since Swanson believes "marriage is beautiful because it's two people pledging to be together for the rest of their lives. Two people pledging to selflessly give to each other" I must simply ponder where in sex is it inferred that one would lay their life down for another? Where in a one night stand does one pledge themselves to another for all eternity? The answer is nowhere.

Love is beautiful in whatever form it takes, but love must never be considered to be equivalent to the sexual act because if you make these two things equivalent then you have debased love in an abhorrent way.

Remember this: Christ loved everyone and he never had sexual relations with anyone. Love is something beautiful and pure. It is not just about how happy you are in your pants.

As to the further inference that sex has no other purpose than to connect with another person, I would also disagree vehemently. Mainly because if sex had no other purpose and everyone took this hedonistic

attitude, then no more children would be born and the human race would end.

So obviously procreation is a purpose of sex and physically speaking it is the reason men and women are anatomically different and why the union of a man and a woman happens to be the catalyst that continues the human race.

Even in this case, however, it must be realized that this act is only good in the context of a married relationship where one partner would literally die to save the other.

The reason behind this is by the very definition of love, it is not about how you feel because love is not about you it always has to be a selfless act.

So the next time you think you are in love, do a pants check. Love is unconditional. You love somebody no matter how physically attracted you are to them. Please examine your thoughts.

— Mutgi is a senior majoring in biology and Tucker is a senior majoring in history and Spanish. They are the president and treasurer, respectively, of the Catholic Newman Club. Respond to their column at theneus@bgnews.com.

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out against the war is a fruitless endeavor that will not change anything. To that we wonder if these same people would doubt that throwing a bunch of tea in Boston Harbor changed anything in the late 1700s, if a group of people walking instead of taking the bus to work changed anything in the 1950s and if a group of workers getting together demanding such rights as a 40-hour work week and a minimum wage changed anything.

For those of you keeping score, those three things did accomplish change in ways that forever shaped our history as a Nation

and a people.

One of our goals with this annual memorial protest is to foster some political discourse on campus, something that is sorely lacking. One can join all the Facebook groups one wishes, but until some direct action is taken nothing can really happen.

Some forms of direct action include petition drives — which this group did in the fall concerning health care reform — holding memorials, having protests and general raising awareness of those in your local communities about what is going on in the world at large.

One of the best ways to be pro-troop, yet anti-war, is to have fundraising drives for veteran charities, something the College

Democrats have done in the past and will continue to do. We appreciate the service of those who served, even if we do not agree with the people in charge.

Change starts at the local level and from there can expand to a greater population. We saw this happen with the civil rights and labor movements and will continue to see it happen as long as there is still grassroots support for issues of concern.

In closing we are disappointed that the BG News did not convey the full story of what we attempted to do yesterday. Having a memorial is the most powerful way to see the human costs of an action, and a protest is a powerful way of seeing dissent. These two can merge and

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can be done respectfully. We feel that we have done so and the majority of responses received yesterday were positive, reaffirming this belief.

We had veterans supporting this endeavor as well as families of those serving in this war. We made sure that those directly affected by this memorial were OK with it before carrying on with it this year, last year and the first time three years ago. There were a few detractors, of course, yet they too realized the difference between memorial and protest.

Some viewed the names on the boards as disrespectful. For the sake of disclosure we borrowed the idea from a wall in Washington, D.C., that listed the names of over 50,000 that fell in a previous conflict. And as far as we know, no one views the Vietnam War memorial as disrespectful.

— Ingles is a senior majoring in political science and is the president of the BGSI College Democrats. Respond to his column at theneus@bgnews.com.

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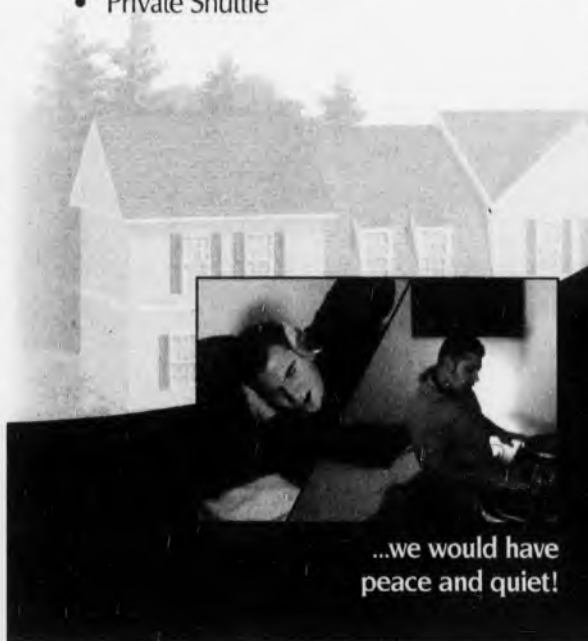
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1953—Longest collegiate basketball game (6 OTs) Niagara beats Siena 88-81.

The List

Recent trades have amped up the competition in the Western Conference and because of that, we give you the top five finals contenders:

1. Los Angeles

Lakers: Kobe, Pau and Andrew Bynum are going to form quite the threesome when they are all fully healthy.

2. Utah Jazz: The Jazz have been on fire since the Kyle Korver trade. Plus Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer are the new age Stockton and Malone.

3. San Antonio

Spurs: They're boring and battle-tested but that is what works for them — they also have Tim Duncan and he has four championships.

4. Phoenix Suns: If Shaq has anything left in the tank, the Suns could make some serious damage in the Western Conference.

5. New Orleans

Hornets: We are going to make a bold prediction and say that Chris Paul should win the MVP for his performance this season.

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In a flash: Falcons golden

BG keeps streak alive in besting KSU 76-68

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

The last time BG and Kent got together — in January — the Falcons rolled to a 90-64 victory on the road with the aid of a flurry of three-pointers.

While last night's return match with Kent at Anderson Arena wasn't a thrashing, the Falcons were able to pull out a 76-68 win.

The game wasn't always easy. Despite being hit very hard by the injury bug, KSU fought hard.

"We knew it was going to be tougher this time around against Kent State," head coach Curt Miller said. "We knew we couldn't make 16 threes again ... I'm proud that we found a way to win down the stretch with a very young team."

After heading into the locker room at halftime up 36-26, BG seemed to be in control of the game at both ends of the floor. But the second half proved to be a different story. KSU forward Chenel Harris and the rest of the Golden Flashes caught fire from the field early in the second half. As a team, Kent shot 60 percent from three-point territory in the half. Harris finished the game with 20 points.

Then the Flashes really caught some momentum. Two Anna Kowalska free throws thinned BG's lead to two points, 52-50. It would prove to be the closest KSU would come to catching the Falcons.

"We got the game to two, and we did it basically offensively and not with much defense," said



Jen Uhl

Scored a career-high 22 points off the bench for BG

Kent head coach Bob Lindsey. "When we needed to get stops late in the game we just couldn't get the stops. [BG] just made shots on us."

After the scoring margin was narrowed to two points, BG showed their mettle and took control of the game for good. The win was their fifth in a row in Mid-American Conference play.

"When we needed it most, we stepped up and made some shots, and we were able to get some big rebounds and not put [Kent] on the free throw line too much," said BG point guard Kate Achter.

BG got offensive support from multiple areas. Five Falcons scored in double figures. Freshman for-

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MAC STANDINGS

The season is winding down and the Falcons find themselves right in the thick of the MAC East race. BG still has critical road games left versus Miami and Ohio.

East Team	Div. W-L	Ovr. W-L
Miami (OH)	9-3	17-9
BG	9-3	20-6
Ohio	8-3	15-9
Buffalo	5-7	12-13
Kent State	4-8	7-17
Akron	2-10	7-19

Miller's run of 20-win seasons continue with KSU victory

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Just a few weeks ago, BG had lost its third straight Mid-American Conference game to Western Michigan at home.

They were suddenly 4-3 in conference play after starting out 4-0. The aura of invincibility the program had built up over a four-year span had begun to disappear.

Then, a road game at Toledo happened, and the Falcons were able to finally right the ship with a resounding win. Since that game 19 days ago, they haven't looked back.

BG is back where fans and the rest of the MAC has become accustomed to seeing it—at the top of the heap in the conference. With last night's 76-68 victory over Kent State at Anderson



Curt Miller

Tied Fran Voll for 144 career victories at BG.

Arena, the team improved its record to 20-6 (9-3). The 9-3 record is good for tops in the East Division, while the 20-win mark has been reached for the fifth straight year.

Senior point guard Kate Achter pointed to the strength of head coach Curt Miller's recruiting as a reason for why the team has still managed such a level of success.

"[Miller] brought in a really strong freshman class," Achter said. "I don't know if I'd say I'm surprised at reaching 20 games already, but we knew he

was going to surround us with the best talent possible that he could go out and get. It's a great accomplishment and a great testament to how good our freshmen are and how they've really impacted us."

The young talent was in full view last night. Freshman guard Lauren Prochaska, who has been one of the top scorers in the MAC all season, scored 14 points. Forward Jen Uhl provided a major spark off the bench, pouring in a game-high 22.

For five straight years, BG has been a 20-win team. While Achter pointed to Miller's recruiting, junior guard Lindsey Goldsberry thought that Miller's continued high expectations have played the biggest role in the team's win total.

"Coach didn't lower his expectations for us, he was still going to hold us to this high standard," Goldsberry said. "I feel like everyone just stepped up to it, and the freshmen took on the expectations he set for us as a team and we didn't back down."

If there's one thing Miller's done right during his time as BG's coach, it's win basketball games. While the Falcons notched 20 wins in this regular season, he also reached 144 career wins. The mark tied Miller with BG women's basketball coaching great Fran Voll for the most wins in a seven-year span.

To be mentioned in the same breath as Voll was an honor for

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MARK CIMA | THE BG NEWS

DRIVING: Falcon guard Lauren Prochaska drives for a basket in BG's 76-68 victory last night. The freshman finished the game with 14 points. The Falcons will next be in action on Saturday as they travel to Oxford in a crucial first-place battle with the Miami RedHawks.



MATT YORK | AP PHOTO

CLOSE CALL: Woods shot 5-under down the stretch in the comeback victory

Woods narrowly escapes first round at Match Play

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods produced another incredible comeback in the desert yesterday, playing the final five holes in 5-under par to turn what looked like certain defeat into an unlikely victory in the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Woods fell behind J.B. Holmes on the first hole when his tee shot sailed into the desert and out of play, and he was three holes down with five to play after taking another penalty shot from the desert.

But he turned it around quickly, winning the next four holes, capped by a 35-foot eagle putt on the 17th. He escaped with a 1-up victory on the 18th when Holmes missed an 8-foot birdie putt.

"I just kept telling myself, even when I was 3 down, there's still a chance to win in regulation," Woods said. "I was just going to have to start playing a hell of a lot better. Then all of a sudden, putts started falling in from everywhere."

It started with a 15-foot birdie on the 14th, followed by a meaningless 18-foot birdie on the 15th, when he only needed two putts to win the hole. The first overhand fist pump came at the 16th when he made a third straight birdie from just over 20 feet to square it for the first time since they shook hands on the tee to start the match.

The loudest roar came on the par-5 17th, which Woods reached in two with a 5-wood from the rough.

He holed his long eagle putt for his first lead of the match, then held on to avoid what would have been a shocking departure.

Holmes, whose big drives kept pressure on Woods the entire match, was helpless at the end.

"I got beat," Holmes said. "Playing the best player in the world, 3 up with five to play, I just said, 'Don't do anything stupid. Make him beat you.' And he did."

Woods shot 30 on the back nine in his first tournament since he shot 31 on the back nine of the Dubai Desert Classic to overcome a four-shot deficit and win his fourth straight official tournament.

"For some reason, momentum just goes your way," Woods said. "Sometimes the run is early in the round, sometimes middle or late. It just so happened that in the last two rounds, it was late. But at least it happened today. At least I had a run. I wasn't playing good enough to win the match unless I had a run."

None of the top four seeds had an easy time at Dove Mountain.

Ernie Els, the No. 4 seed who changed his mind last week and decided to enter a tournament that has been so vexing, shot 40 on his opening nine and was soundly beaten, 6 and 5, by Jonathan Byrd. It was fourth straight time Els has lost in the first round.

Second-seeded Phil Mickelson, the winner Sunday at Riviera, held off Pat Perez

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Ohio Supreme Court refuses to hear OSU's appeal against former coach

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State soon will write a seven-figure check to former coach Jim O'Brien.

The Ohio Supreme Court yesterday declined to hear Ohio State's appeal of the fired coach's lawsuit against the university, signaling an end to a lengthy court battle.

"There's relief on a lot of different levels," O'Brien told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"Through this whole process, everybody kept saying, 'You've got to put it behind you' but then at the next turn there was always an appeal and there was always another issue. It was impossible to put it behind me. Hopefully this could be the first step to doing just that."

Ohio State said it would pay O'Brien.

"With this ruling, the university has exhausted all of its available appeals and the case will

O'BRIEN LINE

IN CHARGE: Coached Ohio State from 1998-2004.

FINAL FOUR: Led Michael Redd, Scionnie Penn and the Bucks to the 1999 Final Four.

LOAN: Was fired after \$6,000 loan to a prospective recruit

REWARD: O'Brien sued the university and won \$2.2 million plus interest.

conclude," Ohio State spokesman Jim Lynch said in a statement. "The outcome of this case is disappointing news."

O'Brien, the men's basketball coach at Ohio State from 1998 until 2004, was fired after he told then-athletic director Andy Geiger that he had given a \$6,000 loan to a prospective recruit. Such loans are a violation of NCAA rules.

O'Brien sued the university for wrongfully firing him and

won \$2.2 million plus interest in the Ohio Court of Claims in 2006.

The university appealed to the Supreme Court after an appeals court upheld the award.

The Supreme Court voted 5-2 to not hear the case. The court did not say why it refused to hear the case.

O'Brien's lawsuit was built around an Ohio State contract that severely limited what the university could do and when it could do it if he broke NCAA bylaws.

It required that the university take a series of steps before firing him, including a lengthy investigation by Ohio State and the NCAA.

Ohio State's attorneys argued that O'Brien shouldn't be paid for breaking the rules.

O'Brien, 57, has not coached since he was fired by Ohio State.

The NCAA initially leveled heavy sanctions against him for violating bylaws but recently announced that he could return



KIICHIRO SATO | AP PHOTO

VICTORY: Ohio Supreme Court threw out OSU's appeal in the Jim O'Brien case. The school will be forced to pay the former coach \$2.2 million plus interest.

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1 up. Third-seeded Steve Stricker needed 20 holes to beat Daniel Chopra, a small measure of revenge.

Chopra beat him in a four-hole playoff at the Mercedes-Benz Championship last month.

Four of the top eight seeds were gone after the first day of the Match Play, one of the most chaotic days in golf. Jim Furyk (No. 6) continued to struggle with his game, losing to Colin Montgomerie, 3 and 2; Justin Rose (7) fell to Rod Pampling, 2 and 1; and Rory Sabbatini, who played college golf at Arizona, lost to Bradley Dredge, 4 and 3.

"You can never really fancy your chances in this format," Lee Westwood said after making eight birdies in a 3-and-2 victory over Brandt Snedeker. "This is the kind of week where you unpack, but you don't move stuff too far away from your suitcase."

MILLER

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Miller, especially because he was able to tie the career wins mark in the same amount of time.

"Fran Voll was the face of this program for so many years and put this program on the map," Miller said. "He's the reason why the tradition is so strong. It really hasn't sunk in."

"You can't win the amount of games we've won without great players. The assistant coaches get a lot of credit for finding those players," he added. "I give a lot of credit for kids who took a chance on our program when we weren't on top of the mountain, and they got us rolling. And now players are following in their footsteps because of the legacy we're hopefully creating."

With as many MAC wins and 20-win seasons as BG has put together during the Curt Miller era in the past seven years, it may not be enough time to officially dub it a legacy. But it's definitely getting there.

KENT

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ward Jen Uhl continued her stellar play off the bench, scoring a game-high 22 points to go along with six rebounds. Achter was also solid, scoring 16 points and dishing out 10 assists. Center Tara Breske, guard Lauren Prochaska and forward Lindsey Goldsberry tallied 11, 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Miller said Uhl's performance off the bench really gave the team a boost when they needed it.

"Jen was the most productive post player for us, finding different shots in different areas within [Kent's] zone," Miller said. "To her credit, she stepped up and made some big shots."

The Falcons also stepped up defensively when they had to. They forced 21 turnovers and stole the ball nine times in the game.

With the win, BG moves to 20-6 (9-3). On Saturday, they'll head to Oxford to face Miami in a battle for sole possession of first place in the MAC East Division.

O'BRIEN

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to college coaching as soon as March 10.

"I don't know what I'm going to do regarding the coaching scenario," O'Brien said. "I don't know what opportunities will be there."

Eighteen other universities and the Big 12, Pac-10 and Big Ten conferences filed briefs in support of Ohio State's case.

Indiana, one of the universities supporting Ohio State, faces a similar situation as it deals with allegations of NCAA violations surrounding its men's basketball program and head coach Kelvin Sampson.

Indiana is accused of five major rules violations and more than 100 impermissible calls made by Sampson and his assistants while under probation for allegedly making other improper calls.

Indiana athletic director Rick Greenspan is expected to make a recommendation Friday on what Sampson's future will be at the school.

Goodell close to securing agreement to talk with former Patriots employee

By Michael Marot
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hopes the NFL is close to an agreement that will allow former New England Patriots employee Matt Walsh to tell the league about the tapes he is said to have made of the St. Louis Rams' walkthrough before the 2002 Super Bowl.

"The lawyers are still talking and we're anxious to speak to him. We're anxious to get an agreement to get him to come forth," Goodell told the Associated Press yesterday before the start of the NFL combine.

"We hope to be able to talk to him shortly."

Walsh, now a golf pro in Maui, did video work for the Patriots when they won the first of their three Super Bowls after the 2001 season. Three weeks ago, the Boston Herald reported that Walsh claimed he had taped the practice before the Patriots' 20-17 upset of the Rams, who were two-touchdown favorites.

NFL lawyers have been meeting with Michael Levy, Walsh's Washington-based lawyer, who is seeking further protection for his client if he tells what he knows.

Levy said last week that the NFL's offer of protection "is highly conditional and still leaves Mr. Walsh vulnerable. I have asked the NFL to provide Mr. Walsh with the necessary legal protections so that he can come forward with the truth without fear of retaliation and litigation."

Goodell has said that Walsh was not interviewed as part of the NFL's investigation into "Spygate," which involved the NFL confiscating tapes from a Patriots employee who recorded the New York Jets' defensive signals from the sideline during the opening game of the 2007 season.

As a result of that investigation, New England coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 and the team was fined \$250,000 and forfeited

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Roger Goodell | NFL Commissioner

its 2008 first-round draft choice.

Six confiscated tapes and other documents pertaining to the Patriots' taping were subsequently destroyed by the league. Goodell has defended the destruction of the tapes.

Last week, Willie Gary, who played seven games for the Rams that season, filed suit in New Orleans accusing the Patriots of fraud, unfair trade practices and engaging in a "pattern of racketeering." Three fans joined in the suit.

On Tuesday, Hugh Campbell, the Cincinnati lawyer who filed Gary's suit, said he wanted to add at least two new classes to the action: all employees and players of all NFL teams who were illegally videotaped by the Pats, plus all fans who bought tickets to any game that the Pats illegally taped.

He also said he wanted to join with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who also is looking into



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TIME TO TALK: Former New England Patriots employee Matt Walsh is close to securing an agreement with the NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell about his involvement in the alleged videotaping of the St. Louis Rams workout before Super Bowl XXXVI.

the allegations.

Goodell and Specter met last week in Washington.

Specter told The Associated Press yesterday that if Walsh is under subpoena in a suit, it might

solve the problem of protection.

"I think now that the lawsuits have been started, that I got the ball rolling, and the plaintiffs' lawyers are picking it up," Specter said.

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SMART

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Secretary Ronald Collier.

Senior SMART mentor, Jason McGee was the host of the night and introduced each speaker. Each spokesperson was first given two to five minutes to briefly explain his or her offices and job responsibilities. Then McGee gave each representative questions created by the SMART mentees.

Dale David answered questions about why college students' votes count, how to register to vote, how to fill out an absentee ballot and where to vote.

Sophomore Bridget Richardson asked David if someone has to be registered to vote for the primary election in order to be eligible to vote in the general election in November.

David said people must register 30 days prior to Election Day to vote.

After answering more questions about the process of voting, McGee was supposed to introduce the Republicans, but there were none to be found.

Ingles began his presentation about the Democratic party by introducing both of the Democratic candidates, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, on their biographical background and qualifications. He also mentioned the four primary issues of the Democratic party: economy, health care, energy and Iraq.

Ingles emphasized the Democrats have represented minority voters since the 1930s.

"The Democratic party is in the front lines, fighting for those who've been left behind," Ingles said.

Ingles also mentioned that the Latino vote is growing fastest.

Ingles said, voting is important, especially for college students who complain about col-

lege funds.

"It's a powerful way to show what's going on is not what you want," Ingles said.

McGee thanked each of the speakers. Students were then able to ask speakers their own individual questions.

Around 30 to 40 people showed up to the event.

"If even one person comes it's a good turnout because someone else is getting educated about something that they didn't previously know," Hernandez said.

Members of the SMART program, college Democrats and board of elections wanted students to walk away understanding the importance of voting.

"This is really important to them [college students] because it deals with education, with jobs, taxes, all the stuff they're going to deal with later in the future," Buggs said.

Terry Burton, the Deputy director of County Board of Elections, said he has seen hundreds of elections and sees where one vote matters.

"I have been in the room where two candidates have tied and we actually had to flip a coin," Burton said.

Burton said he applauds those who came out to the event last night in order to receive more information and to become part of the voting process.

"In the end, democracy only works with participation and we've always in recent years failed to engage the youngest members in the democracy in that participation," Burton said. "If we can get across the idea that to be engaged in the process is an important part of life and an important part of being a citizen of the country it will only benefit us in the long run."

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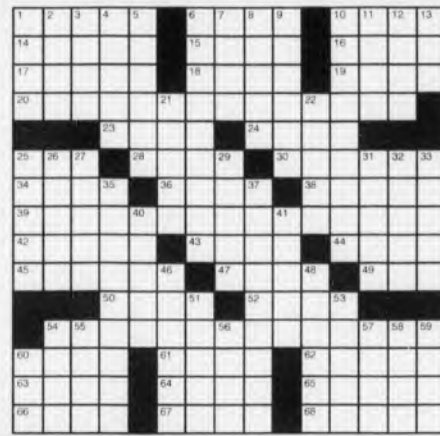
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- 15 Redact
- 16 "OB VII" author
- 17 Isolated
- 18 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek"
- 19 Mattress cloth
- 20 Two galleries
- 23 Coin opening
- 24 Fairness in the workplace grp.
- 25 Foot: suff.
- 28 Director Kazan
- 30 Pixie
- 34 Molecule element
- 36 Truck scale units
- 38 Like some seals
- 39 Two galleries
- 42 Tribe on the move
- 43 Missile storage site
- 44 Plant part

- 45 Selling points
- 47 Reason d'
- 49 NASA's ISS partner
- 50 Goes bad
- 52 Drying kiln
- 54 Two galleries
- 60 Came down to earth
- 61 Pestors persistently
- 62 Metal fastener
- 63 Stripped down
- 64 Beech or birch
- 65 Aviator Balbo
- 66 Peepers
- 67 Medicinal fluids
- 68 Magnetic unit

- 1 Go a round with
- 2 "Le roi d'Ys" composer
- 3 Intensely eager
- 4 Program choices
- 5 Co-founder of "The Tatler"
- 6 Family reunion attendees
- 7 Point after deuce, perhaps
- 8 Diacritical mark
- 9 Stirrup bone
- 10 Rulers with unlimited power
- 11 Pluck
- 12 Anticrime acronym
- 13 Invite
- 21 Conductor Georg
- 22 Had aspirations
- 25 Turkish ruler, once
- 26 Cultural values
- 27 Cabinet features
- 29 Hit by the Rolling Stones
- 31 Angry, and then some
- 32 Heads in LeHavre
- 33 Swelling
- 35 Presides over
- 37 Body of water formed in 1905
- 40 Range of the Rockies
- 41 Old defense acronym

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- 51 Gawk
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